

Application No. 09/701,463

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1-59. (Cancelled).

60. (Previously Presented and Not Entered) A method of treating a mammal to bring about a weight reduction or reduction in obesity, said method comprising administering to the mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective dosage of a lipid mobilizing agent which is a Zn- $\alpha_2$ -glycoprotein, the polypeptide moiety thereof having the sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

61. (Cancelled and Not Entered).

62. (Cancelled and Not Entered).

63. (Previously Presented and Not Entered) A method of treating a mammal to bring about a weight reduction or reduction in obesity, said method comprising administering to the mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective dosage of a lipid mobilizing agent having an apparent molecular mass of greater than about 6 kDa, as determined by gel exclusion chromatography, and which is obtained by digesting Zn- $\alpha_2$ -glycoprotein, the polypeptide moiety of which has the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1, with the enzyme trypsin.

64. (Cancelled and Not Entered).

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